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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1114.

*Thursday, the ^{8th of December 1938.}
23rd of Vrischigam 1114.*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. T. K. Nayar, C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. K. Subramanian, the Chief Engineer and the Commissioner of Police were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT—ALLOTMENT FOR.

91. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement of the different items for which the twenty thousand rupees allotted for the Rural Development disbursed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): The statement is placed on the Council table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi): It is given as Rs. 1,000 for marketing. May I know what exactly marketing is?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): This scheme is under preparation and I will be able to give a detailed information if the question is put later on. The matter is under consideration. I will be able to give you definite information as to the scope of this only later on.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi): Rs. 500 for tools and manure and at another place another amount is set apart for tools.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): The first is for the Depressed Classes colony. It goes under the Protector of the Depressed Classes budget and the other is for the rural reconstruction centre, the same head under two different departments.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Loans to different Co-operative Societies. Cannot they get loans from the Central Bank? Why should this department give loans to the Societies?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is only in certain cases where small amount is necessary that is given. It used to be grants. I changed it into loans after consulting the departmental head. Instead of giving grants, we are giving loans.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Government has any scheme prepared for rural development?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Oh, yes. We have plenty of schemes. It will take some time to prepare a scheme and put it into motion. The House may rest assured that the time is not wasted and we will be in a position to give detailed information at an early date.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the hon'ble member consult anybody?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. I will consult all the Heads of Departments before I move an inch. All the Heads of Departments concerned are invited to a conference and action will be taken in the light of the discussion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Hon'ble Minister consult the leader of the opposition?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I will consult any member. Why the leader of the opposition alone? Any co-operation from the members will be welcome and I will do the very best to get their co-operation.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Now that the amounts are distributed to various institutions and for various purposes, I want to know whether this is part of a comprehensive scheme formulated by the Minister or Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This scheme was prepared by the late Minister in consultation with Heads of Departments. They have had two or three conferences and they came to the decision as to how to apportion the amount given to the department, namely Rs. 20,000. All these things have been put into motion by me. All these things were prepared by the late Minister in consultation with the Heads of Departments.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): Was the amount intended for such distribution?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. For rural development there are various schemes. It is a small amount and we are considering as to how best the money could be utilised. It was on the advice of the Heads of Departments that this distribution was made.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to say whether the decision arrived at in consultation with the Heads of Departments by the late Minister is faithfully kept up.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): As I told you, except in the matter of grants being changed into loans. This is setting a very bad example of simply giving grants. Instead of that, I said it should be converted into loans. Then I consulted all the Heads of Departments and they agreed with my view.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): In the statement given it is stated that some of the Depressed Classes Co-operative Societies are going to be converted into stores. May I know which Co-operative Society of the Depressed Classes is going to be converted into a store.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin Christians-Mattancheri*): May I know, Sir, what was the total amount for the Panchayat Department?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It will be about Rs. 5,000. If you want the exact figure I will give it later on.

BATHING GHATS—CHALAKKUDI, PARIYARAM, ETC.— CONSTRUCTION OF.

92. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the difficulty experienced by people of Chalakkudi, Pariyaram and Melur, because of the absence of bathing ghats?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Construction of bathing ghats will add to the convenience of the people of these places. But this can be considered only as a secondary need of the people and will be attended to after the more urgent needs of the people in these places and in other parts of the State are satisfied.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that on the 3rd Sunday after the general elections one man was drowned while bathing because of the want of a bathing ghat?